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 Patty Mireles, left, and Michelle Ardate work the soft drink machine at Pizza Inn Monday. The women, along with other Life Church members, were taking part in a fundraiser for the church's Single Mothers Ministry.

No fireworks this July 4, county says

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved a county-wide ban on fireworks Monday in hopes of staving off a wave of grass and wildfires during the July 4 holiday.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the ban — which was signed into effect via a disaster declaration — was approved by Texas Gov. Rick Perry, extending what would have been a 60-hour ban until July 5.



Barr

"A county judge can sign a disaster declaration into effect, but the governor has to sign off on it for it to last any longer," Barr said. "In this case, the ban will be in place until July 5. It's no secret just how dry it is out there, and the danger posed by fireworks — any fireworks, not just those that fly — is tremendous. We're hoping

this ban will help us avoid the loss of property and possibly lives during the holiday."

Barr said punishment for breaking the ban will be severe. "It is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by a fine and up to 180 days in jail," Barr said. "I've already instructed the sheriff we will have zero tolerance on this issue, and if someone gets caught, they can expect to do some jail time."

The ban makes it illegal to use, possess or sell fireworks within Howard County, according to Barr.

"It doesn't matter where or when you bought them, if you get caught in possession of fireworks during the ban, you're going to spend some time behind bars," Barr said firmly. "I'm hoping the folks who had planned on spending money on fireworks this year will go to the Pops in the Park celebration at Comanche Trail Park and en-

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City, county to hold redistricting hearings

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners and the Big Spring City Council will both be holding public hearings Wednesday to address the coming shift in precinct and

district lines, a by-product of the 2010 Census.

Howard County commissioners will be holding two meetings during the day, the first at 10 a.m. and the second at 6 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the commission-

ers courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the county precinct lines could see some major changes thanks to large shifts in the populations in

Precincts 1 and Precinct 3.

"In Precinct 1, which is represented by Emma Brown, it came up about 600 people short in the census," Barr said. "In Precinct 3, which is represented by Jimmie Long, it came up about 800 people

short. So the lines are definitely going to be changing, it's just a matter of how they will change to compensate for those losses."

Barr said he hopes area

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State of Community series continues June 30 Part 2 to highlight educational and medical issues facing Big Spring

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

This time it's all about community education and medical updates.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce presents Part 2 of its State of the Community Series: Education/Medical Updates in the Cactus Room on the Howard College campus. The breakfast will be June 30, with the serving line opening at 7:30 a.m. and the presentations starting at 7:50 a.m.



ValVerde

"This time we are doing a breakfast in order to allow people to attend this and still make it to work," said Debby ValVerde, chamber executive director.

Part 2 of the series will include updates from area school superintendents including Big Spring, Coahoma and For-

san. There will also be representatives from the Big Spring State Hospital and the West Texas VA Health Care System. Due to a scheduling conflict, Larry Rodgers, CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, won't be attending or delivering an update during this section.

"Even though Rodgers can't be at this session, he will be giving his update on SMMC at the next session, which will include reports on the industrial side of Big Spring," ValVerde said.

Seating is going to be limited due to the venue and ValVerde encourages those planning to attend to get their tickets early. Tickets can be purchased for \$12 at the Chamber of Commerce building, located at 215 W. Third. The deadline for tickets is June 24. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

"Great Western Dining will be doing the catering and providing us with a breakfast buffet," ValVerde said. "There

will be a nice selection of breakfast choices."

The series started with reports from local government entities and will continue through the year, with the next series updating on industrial community and the last part of the series providing updates on historic preservation for Howard County.

"We want to continue what we started with these updates," ValVerde said. "Being able to get these updates from the CEOs and superintendents of the schools gives it more of a one-on-one feel."

Time allowing, there will be a question and answer session following the presentations.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the chamber at 263-7641 or stop by during business hours.

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Jason Paul Bolt



Jason Paul Bolt, 25, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 11, 2011, in Lamesa. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rex Rainey officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 5, 1985, in Big Spring. He attended school in Odessa and Big Spring. He was employed by Robinson Drilling and was a Baptist.

He is survived by two sons, Anthony Paul Bolt and Brandon Bolt, both of Big Spring; their mother, Teresa Silva of Big Spring; Jason's parents, Cindy Bolt of Big Spring and Dennis Bolt of Big Spring; two sisters, Lisa Bolt and daughter Madison Schaff of Miami, Fla., and Christie Peden of Hobbs, N.M.; one brother, Justin Bolt of Brownwood; maternal grandmother, Shirley Hall of Odessa; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Calvin Hall; and paternal grandparents, Dorothy Drennan and R.V. "Shorty" Bolt Jr.

Pallbearers will be Darren, Ryan, Shane, P.J., Willie and Kyle.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Maria A. Escanuelas



Maria A. Escanuelas, 80, of Big Spring died Monday, June 13, 2011, at her residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 25, 1931, in Ruidosa to Isabel and Eduardo Armendarez. She married Ygnacio "Nacho" Escanuelas on May 9, 1954. She was a homemaker, a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband, Nacho Escanuelas of Big Spring; three sons, Ygnacio Escanuelas Jr. and wife Dora, Steve Escanuelas and wife Socorro and Mateo Escanuelas and wife Lourdes, all of Big Spring; six daughters, Olga Vidales and husband Frank, Maria Elena Escanuelas and husband Martin, Isabel Vera and husband Tony, all of Odessa, Janie Martinez and husband Jessie, Martha Garza and husband Oscar and Maria Pilar Villareal and husband Sammy, all of Big Spring; one brother, Jose Armentarez and wife Vicky of Presidio; 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Andres Escanuelas and Miguel Escanuelas; two brothers, Elias Armentarez and Blas Armendarez; and three sisters, Erlinda Rodriguez, Manuela Nunez and Blasa Villa.

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2-7-7, Sum It Up: 16

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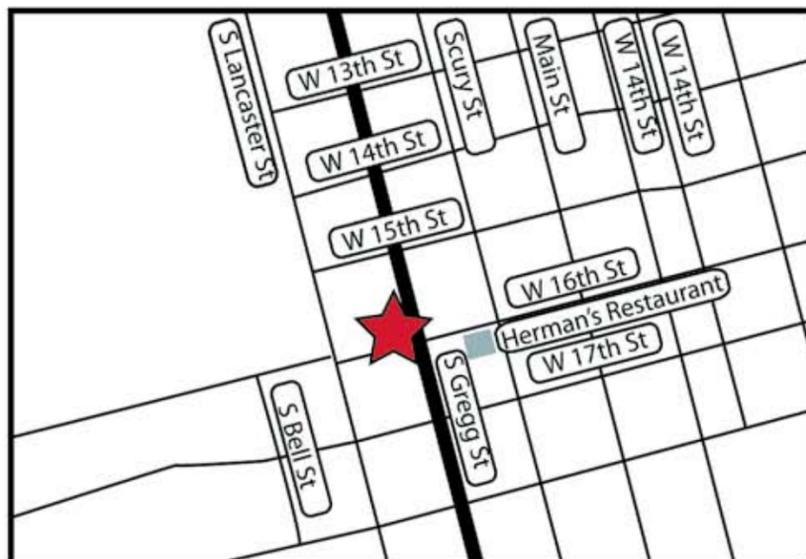
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Arturo 'Lito' Garcia



Arturo "Lito" Garcia, 58, of Big Spring died Monday, June 13, 2011, in an Odessa hospital. A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Arturo was born March 28, 1953, in Big Spring and married Dolores Ornelas on Oct. 30, 1981, in Big Spring.

He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1971. He worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for 30 years before retiring and then worked as a greeter at Walmart for 5 years.

He was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores Garcia of Big Spring; one son, Michael Garcia of Big Spring; three daughters, Stephanie Cisneros of Big Spring, Anna Cisneros and Michelle Bettinger and husband Jerry, all of Fort Worth; two brothers, Enrique Garcia Jr. and Salvador Garcia, both of Big Spring; and one sister, Elena Hewetty of Lenorah.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Raul Garcia. The family suggests memorials be made to American Diabetes Association, 3001 N. Big Spring St., Suite 104, Midland 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Sandy Daves



Sandy Daves, 28, of Sand Springs died Saturday, June 11, 2011, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Charles Harrington, pastor of First Church of God, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the funeral home.

Sandy was born on July 14, 1982, in Big Spring. He married Brittany Camden on Feb. 24, 2007, at First Church of God in Big Spring.

Sandy worked as a roughneck in the oilfield.

Survivors include his wife, Brittany Daves of Sand Springs; four sons, Corbain, Chandler and Max Daves, as well as Klaytin Long of Big Spring; three daughters, Cheyenne, Caylie and Alexandria Daves of Big Spring; his father, Allen Ruben Daves Jr. of North Platt, Neb.; his mother, Zeita Mase and husband Charles of Big Spring; two brothers, Randy Collins of Big Spring and Stephen Daves of Salem, Ore.; one sister, Anna White of Big Spring; numerous nieces and nephews, several cousins, many aunts and uncles and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his nephew. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Elvis Knowlton



Elvis Knowlton, 71, of Big Spring died Monday, June 13, 2011, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the Vealmoor Cemetery with Chaplain Walter McCall officiating.

He was born July 26, 1939, in Big Spring. Elvis was a long time resident of Big Spring and had served in the United States Navy. He retired from Stewart and Stephenson Company.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Debra Knowlton of Mansfield; two daughters and one son-in-law, Kayla Horton of Big Spring and Debra and Geno Abshier of Bastrop; his mother, Velma Knowlton of Big Spring; one sister, Fern Tyler of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and five nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, M.L. Knowlton; and one brother, Calvin Knowlton.

The family suggests memorials be made to Compass Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discus-

sion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

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Residents interested in the matter will attend the public hearings.

"This will effect the

citizens and voters of Howard County, so we hope they will take the time to attend," Barr said.

"Redistricting can get pretty confusing, and that's why it's so important for people to edu-

cate themselves on the issue."

For more information on the county public hearings, contact the county judge's office at 264-2202.

County precinct lines aren't the only ones fac-

ing redistricting following the census, as the city of Big Spring's districts will also have to be adjusted.

The city will hold its public hearing at 2 p.m. Wednesday at City Council Chambers, lo-

cated at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information call 264-2401.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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joy that fireworks show. They can take that money they have saved up and donate it to the Pops in the Park fund."

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners gave the go ahead to begin planning on the proposed joint law enforcement center that will eventually house both the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Police Department.

Both agencies have been working on the idea for some time now in hopes of eliminating duplicated services between the two law enforcement agencies.

Members of the Big Spring City Council held a meeting alongside Howard County commissioners to present the proposed law enforcement center — which would be located at the newly built County Jail, located on W. Highway 80 — to the public in February.

Both Sheriff Stan Parker and BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith called the idea a win-win situation for both governments, helping to save on design costs — one design for both, instead of both governments designing separate facilities — and providing a single

building that would provide more useable square feet of space.

The proposed plan would also relocate the municipal judge's office to the County Courthouse, with a full time warrant officer and Sheriff-provided district court bailiff at the facility for protection.

Barr said he expects the project to begin construction sometime after the 2011-2012 budget is finalized.

"There's a lot that needs to get done between now and Oct. 1, which is when the new budget will go into effect," Barr said. "We

can go out for bids and get the architect working on the plans. I expect construction will begin sometime shortly

after Oct. 1."

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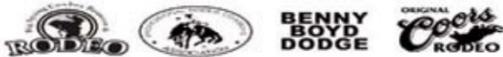
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Anthony Weiner, you are no Patrick Kennedy, that's for sure

Sunday's Tony Awards program reminds us that new media didn't invent the ego-tist who doesn't know when to exit. Live theater is millennia old, and one awardee hogged so much time offering "thanks" that his co-winner couldn't say a word. Other Broadway stars continued tearful emoting long after the orchestra started playing the time's-up theme.



FROMA HARROP

As you read this, New York Rep. Anthony Weiner may have given up his congressional seat, or he may not have. When House Democrats talk of booting you out of their caucus, one thing is clear: Time's up. The curtain's coming down. The cold object you feel around your neck is a hook.

Sadly, Weiner hasn't shown the judgment to walk off the stage when doing so would be good for his country, his party, his constituents and even himself. Call sending lewd pictures to women narcissism, mental illness, stupidity or all the above. What marks Weiner's behavior — and that of other congressmen (and I can use the male term here) caught in similar sexual indiscretions — is this gigantic sense of entitlement. A big mouth often comes with the package. We see it in Washington. We see it in business and sports.

If I'd heard the following words, instead of reading them, I might have assumed they were being delivered by a President Obama impressionist on "Saturday Night Live."

But the words were from

Obama himself in his latest weekly radio address. "I wish I could tell you there was a quick fix to our economic problems," he said. "But the truth is we didn't get into this mess overnight, and we won't get out of it overnight. It's going to take time."

Obama has repeated this line ad nauseam ever since it became impossible to deny that reality had shattered his arrogant guarantee, more than two years ago, that he would keep unemployment below 8 percent if we would just pass his \$800 billion "stimulus" package.

At the same time, he also introduced his phantom metric of "creating or saving" 3.5 million jobs — a device that was as bloated with sophistry as Bill Clinton's verbal gyrations with the word "is." Though the claim is as improvable as it is immeasurable, our sustained horrendous unemployment levels nevertheless render it insultingly ludicrous on its face.

Obama apparently has no plays in his playbook other than to call for more government intervention and further blame his predecessor. He believes economic growth can only be rekindled through government intervention at the direction of his band of central planners.

So what type of grandiose government plan does he have in store for us now? He has proposed — and been met with fierce opposition to — further "stimulus" bills and a separate high-speed rail program that he is convinced we need even though the American people and the states disagree.

Undeterred, he's pursuing

Even those of us who generally agreed with Weiner's worldview would wince at his bully-boy presentations and difficulty in playing with others. That's why his support among Democrats collapsed at the very beginning of the scandal. Back then, the evidence of bizarre behavior may have been containable. It could have been rationalized as a temporary loss of sanity.

So Weiner refuses to begin his redemption himself by resigning. His spokeswoman said he was planning to take "a short leave of absence" from Congress "to seek professional treatment to focus on becoming a better husband and healthier person." Touching, but what's in it for the voters of Brooklyn and Queens? I'll buy that he's not well, that he needs psychiatric care.

In the meantime, the electorate deserves representation in Washington.

For guidance, Weiner's allies point to the example of former Rhode Island Rep. Patrick Kennedy, who took a temporary leave from Congress to seek treatment for his addiction to prescription drugs. But that was an example of why such actions are ill-advised. For nine months, Kennedy's Rhode Island constituents had no representative in Washington.

Here, too, was an oversized sense of entitlement, multiplied by the Kennedy factor. (Patrick is the late Sen. Edward Kennedy's son.) But from the get-go, Patrick was obviously unsuited for the job.

As in Weiner's case, inappropriate behavior was not confined

to an isolated incident. Having long suffered alcohol and drug addictions plus bipolar mental disorder, Kennedy did one weird thing after another. In 2000, he angrily pushed a female security guard at Los Angeles International Airport. Also that year, the Coast Guard was called to stop an argument he was having with a woman on a yacht. In 2006, an obviously disoriented Kennedy drove a Ford Mustang into a security barrier on Capitol Hill in the wee hours. He subsequently checked into a drug-rehabilitation facility at the Mayo Clinic for a month.

Three years later, he checked into another facility, announcing, "I have decided to temporarily step away from my normal routine to ensure that I am being as vigilant as possible in my recovery." He chose not to run again in 2010 and has since found a useful political afterlife working for health-care reform. He's now engaged to a New Jersey schoolteacher. Unlike Weiner, Kennedy usually came off as a nice kid, perhaps because his conduct was so obviously the product of mental imbalance.

Anthony Weiner, you're no Patrick Kennedy. Nor should you try to be.

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Will the buck ever stop on the desk of President Obama?

other government programs to stimulate economic activity, such as smothering oil drilling in the Gulf, extending unemployment benefits, promoting quixotic alternative energy sources and new automobile emission standards, higher tax rates for the evil rich, a government takeover of health care, further bailouts for Greece, and obstructing entitlement reform. Oh, wait, those wouldn't stimulate the economy.

What about Obama's Ivy League economic advisers, who know how to make an economy hum — the theoretical, classroom widget-centered economy, that is. Not the real world. For in the real world, they're fresh out of ideas and full of excuses.

Instead, they just keep quitting — not amid the shame they've earned, but in counterfactual triumph — and returning to their cushy jobs in academia, where on their obedient blackboards they map out compliant economic models "proving" that government spending would trigger those fabled multipliers and cause their phantom economies to explode.

Meanwhile, back at the real White House, Obama dithers and points fingers.

Oh, yes, he perfunctorily apologizes from time to time for not making jobs his first priority, but then he continues not to make them his first priority, until it's time for the next speech to blame Bush again. And so it goes.

Increasing numbers of economic analysts are warning that our fiscal condition is even worse than that of Greece, which has become the metaphor for national bankruptcy, but Obama persists in lusting after the European socialism "ideal."

Reasonable people, unshackled by the poisonous class-warfare mentality that has Obama imprisoned in a no-growth straitjacket, realize that we have to decrease government regulations and cut taxes if we want to rejuvenate the economy. Even Obama's former White House aide Larry Summers is calling

for tax cuts for that purpose. But more urgent components of any recovery plan are dramatic spending cuts and entitlement reform.

President Obama is correct that it has taken a long time to get into this mess. And without question, it will take a long time to pay down the national debt. But he's wrong that it should take a long time to reverse the economic malaise we're in, unless he means as long as we continue with his anti-growth policies.

It's time for him to man up and quit pointing scapegoating fingers at George W. Bush. Upon inheriting an egregious economic mess and unimaginable "misery index" from President Carter, President Reagan didn't proceed to blame Carter. He rolled up his sleeves and inside of a few years had the economy soaring again.

Obama must declare a ceasefire in his war on business and the private sector and abandon his pursuit of environmental nirvana. If he and the ruling class would finally legislate into existence a comprehensive reform plan, such as that proposed by Rep. Paul Ryan, to repeal Obamacare, cut nonmilitary discretionary spending and income tax rates, implement structural entitlement reform, and eliminate onerous government regulations, we would see an immediate and profound reduction in the crippling anxiety that envelops this nation over our uncertain future. We'd see a genuine explosion in consumer confidence and economic growth that would make Obama's further scapegoating utterly moot.

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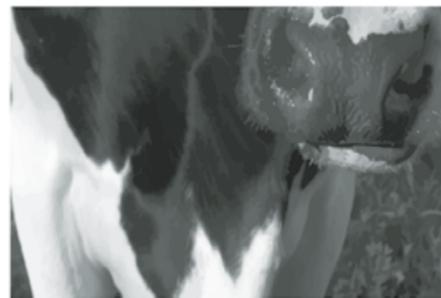
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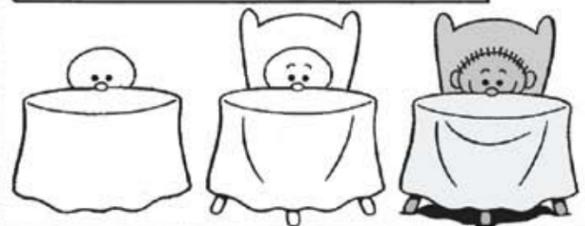
SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

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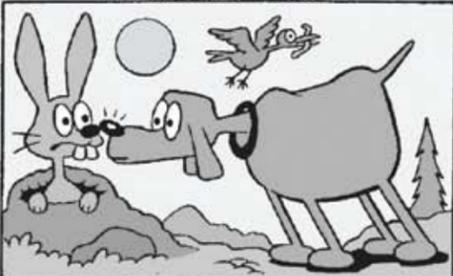
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Bird Poop: Caring for the kestrel

Independent, or so it thought, the fledgling was suddenly desperate for sustenance and energy. Too depleted to attempt flight, it could not avoid the stranger's large, powerful hands as it was scooped from the ground.

After a week of allowing it to fly throughout his house in the evenings, the man sensed that the small, hawk-like bird needed more than he could provide. By keeping it contained during the day, he at least limited the amount of droppings left on his floors and furniture.

At the rendering plant where he worked, scraps of beef and pork were readily available. Unfamiliar with its natural diet, the man figured the meats could sustain the bird while he figured out what to do next.

A phone call alerted Diane Tracy of the man's dilemma. Listed as a sub-permittee on our state license, she welcomed the small falcon to her care in San Angelo.

As we talked about its condition, she thought it was very docile for a wild bird. Also of concern was its diet while in captivity. Both meats offered had a high fat

content. Under normal conditions, the American kestrel, the smallest of our country's falcons, would hunt for large insects, lizards and mice.

When Art and I met Diane and her husband, Dale, in Sterling City, for a transfer, the little kestrel did not object to being handled. Most would have screamed a shrill displeasure.

Once home, we readily determined it had imprinted on humans. It was tame. Whether the man had been the first to handle it was unknown. As is so often the case, his time of possession of the bird may have also been understated.

June, a month of hunger, is a challenge for fledglings of every color, size, shape and specie. Found in parking lots, on front porches, under cars, in open fields, and beside roadways, they exhibit a juvenile urge to assert independence that is overwhelming.

Late into the evening, the phones of rehabbers bring numerous queries. In many cases, youngsters can be safely returned to the area where found. Elevated in a shrub or tree, they will cry for a parent and are usually answered.

Years of drought and high winds, however, bring a different separation and isolation from parents. While songbirds to shorebirds hunt desperately for enough insects to feed themselves

and their offspring, raptor chicks are blown from their nests by violent gusts. Each summer seems to bring new challenges for survival.

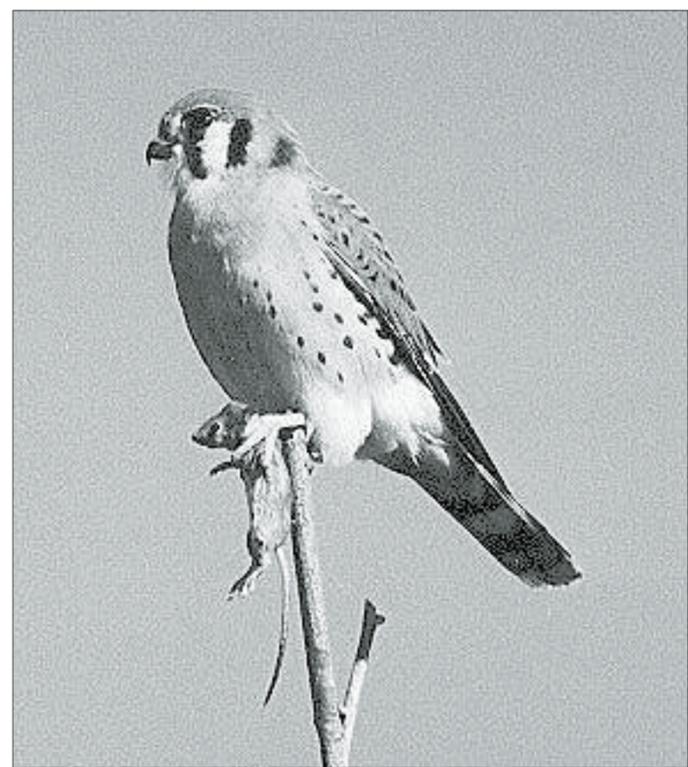
During the next few days, the kestrel's deep black eyes greeted me each morning as I placed mice and crickets in his enclosure. A rusty patch was emerging on his bluish-gray crown. Two black stripes accented the sides of his white face.

Looking at him from above, I could see the terra cotta color of his back barred with black. His slate-blue wings that tapered toward his black primaries would be an identifying reminder of his gender.

Underneath, his buff-colored belly and sides were decorated with black spots. At the end of his rufous tail was a broad black band ending with a white tip.

Upon delivering the falcon to Gail Barnes in Lubbock, we shared her concern for the bird's ability to "wild up" when placed with other kestrels. Doubtful that it could succeed, she would consider the process of placing it in an educational environment as an alternative. With federal approval, kestrels that were not releasable had been sent as far away as California and Puerto Rico.

As we drove home, several kestrels were seen perched on utility wires, telephone poles, and fence posts. They brought to mind a previous



Courtesy photo

Often confused with being a golden eagle that may weigh up to 10 pounds, the American kestrel tips the scales at between 3 and 4 ounces. With a wingspread of nearly 24 inches, the raptor has the ability to hover or glide on narrow

situation.

Uniformed about identifications, a caller had great expectations. He boasted that he had found a golden eagle. Although it had turned out to be a kestrel, we were given the opportunity to talk about the importance of both birds in our environment.

In subsequent years, any kestrel turned in brought a

smile to our faces. Another eagle. The humorous interruption of the tedious efforts in rescue and rehabilitation of wild birds was always welcome.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop From Bird Poop" and is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Police / Sheriff / EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- CRYSTAL CLEAR LEE, 28, of 905 N. Gregg St., was arrested Monday on a warrant for criminal mischief between \$50 and \$500.
- JOSE ANGEL URIAS, 18, of 206 Simer Rd., was arrested Monday on a warrant for racing on highway — acceleration contest.
- MARSHA DIANE CARTER, 34, of 5108 Dawson Rd., was arrested Monday on a warrant for speeding in school zone.
- EDWIN JAMES DEAN, 45, of 1403 S. Nolan St., was arrested Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.
- THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of N.

Gregg Street.

- In the 100 block of W. FM 700.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- In the 700 block of E. 16th Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of W. 18th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of Brown Street.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- JOHNNY RAY VIERA JR., 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and judgement/sentence for theft of property more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- JOSE URIAS, 18, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a warrant for racing on highway.
- MARSHA DIANNE CARTER, 34, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of capias/disorderly conduct — vulgar language.
- EDWIN JAMES DEAN, 45, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.
- RAMONDA LYNN JONES, 30, was transferred

to the county jail by the BSPD Monday on a charge of hindering an officer discharging official duties.

- GARY W. MARSHALL, 25, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Tuesday on a charge of evading arrest/detention.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Wednesday:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of W. Third Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of HWY 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- PUBLIC SERVICE was requested in the 3900 block of Gail HWY. Service refused.
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- North Side Commu-

nity Center has several openings for its summer school program. The program starts June 20 and will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 263-2673.

• West Texas Centers will have its community meeting from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Howard County Library.

A representative from Victims Services of Big Spring will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Connie Baca, center director, at 432-267-9536.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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News in brief

GOP hopefuls go easy on Romney, hard on Obama in N.H. debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Tim Pawlenty, Newt Gingrich and other Republican presidential hopefuls feel they need to close the gap on front-runner Mitt Romney, they didn't show it at the New Hampshire debate.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who leads in the early polls and fundraising efforts, had a surprisingly easy two hours Monday night. He looked calm and steady, criticizing President Barack Obama on the economy and health care while rarely being forced on the defensive despite some well-known vulnerabilities of his own.

With New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary half a year away, the seven GOP candidates seemed more eager to introduce themselves to voters in the televised event than to start ripping each other. They rarely differed on major policies. All agreed that Obama has botched the economy and doesn't deserve a second term.

Near the end of the debate, Romney said anyone on the stage would be a better president than Obama. That was high praise for little-known candidate Herman Cain, libertarian hero Ron Paul and former Sen. Rick Santorum, who badly lost his last re-election bid in Pennsylvania. It also reflected how friendly everyone had been to Romney.

Bachmann's evolution: From Carter volunteer to conservative

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — One hand clutches a crisply folded U.S. flag with a concealed weapons certification protruding; the other slides discreetly into a denim coat pocket. Behind the beaming state lawmaker, a silhouette target with bullet holes square in the chest. Next to her nameplate, a "No New Taxes!" sticker.

The photo taken during Minnesota Republican Michele Bachmann's initial run for Congress in 2006 captures her essence.

In Bachmann's quick rise from state law-

maker to unofficial tea party ambassador in Washington, her brazen style has kept Republican leaders on edge and appealed to those in the GOP searching for a fresh, unfettered voice. She relishes the spotlight and seldom cedes ground.

Her unpredictable edge was on display during Monday night's GOP presidential debate in New Hampshire when, out of the blue, she announced that she had filed papers to be an official candidate for the Republican nomination.

Crews race floodwaters protect town

HAMBURG, Iowa (AP) — Crews are trying to beat floodwaters expected to arrive in Hamburg on Tuesday by building up a secondary barrier to protect the small Iowa town after the swollen Missouri River punched a massive hole in the main levee.

The river ruptured two levees in northwest Missouri on Monday, sending torrents of water over rural farmland toward Hamburg in southwest Iowa and a Missouri resort community downriver. By Wednesday, water spilling through a nearly 300-foot hole in the levee near Hamburg was expected to top a secondary levee built last week to protect the town.

The Army Corps of Engineers said crews are working to increase that wall's height by 3 feet. If it breaks, parts of

Hamburg could be under as much as 10 feet of standing water, officials said.

"For right now, we believe we'll be able to get that elevation raised in the time available as that water flows across in the next 48 hours," Col. Bob Ruch, the corps' Omaha District commander, said Monday evening. "We've had excellent working conditions."

8 dead after gunmen storm Iraq government building

BAGHDAD (AP) — Attackers set off two car bombs next to a government compound Tuesday, then opened fire and took an unknown number of hostages, Iraqi officials said. Eight people were killed in the assault.

There were conflicting reports about whether the situation had been brought under control in Baqouba, which was once an al-Qaida in Iraq stronghold.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but the complex attack bore the hallmarks of the insurgent group.

Gunmen first set off two car bombs near a gate protecting the government compound in Baqouba, 35 miles (60 kilometers) northeast of Baghdad, said Samira al-Shibli, a spokeswoman for the Diyala provincial council. The compound houses buildings including the provincial council headquarters and the

governor's office.

Two officials with the Diyala Operations Command said at least some of the gunmen made their way into the compound and one of the officials said the gunmen took hostages. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Obama seeks to reassure public he's focused on jobs

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Beset by a grim employment picture, President Barack Obama on Monday pledged to ease the way for businesses to expand hiring and offered assurances to an

anxious public that he is focused on creating jobs — the top political issue heading into the 2012 election and the Achilles heel of his presidency.

"The sky is not falling," Obama said.

But the president, in a state that he narrowly won in 2008, could not ignore dismal recent economic reports.

"Our economic challenges were years in the making," he told workers at an energy-efficient lighting plant in Durham, "and it will take years to get back to where we need to be."

Obama called for educating more high-technology workers, announcing a plan to train 10,000 new American engineers every year through a public-

private partnership. He also held a high-profile meeting with top CEOs who make up his advisory jobs council, offering encouragement for several ideas, including a plan that could create an estimated 114,000 jobs by increasing energy efficiencies in commercial and apartment buildings.

The visit to North Carolina, which was to be followed by fundraising stops in Miami later Monday, illustrated the political high stakes for Obama.

By focusing on jobs, Obama provided a counterpoint to his Republican critics, particularly the seven 2012 presidential hopefuls who met in New Hampshire Monday evening for a debate.

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Bullriding featured at Big Spring rodeo

By TED HARBIN

Special to the HERALD

There are many reasons why the top cowboys in the game make their way to this west Texas community every June.

One, of course, is the chance to ride some of the best bucking beasts in the sport, thanks to Carr Pro Rodeo, the stock contractor for the 78th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, set this year for 8 p.m. Thursday, June 16-Saturday, June 18. Owner Pete Carr makes sure outstanding animal athletes are part of the action, just as he has done for years.

"You definitely want to go somewhere that you have a chance to win," said Casey Sisk of Corona, N.M., a rising star in saddle bronc riding. "Pete's got a great pen of bucking horses, the kind you like getting on."

Sisk isn't the only cowboy who feels that way, and that's what makes Big Spring a special stop for many of the top athletes in the game.

"Pete Carr, in general, is a great stock contractor," said bull rider D.J. Domangue of Wharton, Texas. "He spends a lot of money and tries real hard to try to improve his stock. He's already got great horses, and he is trying to put together a good pen of bulls. Plus he's a great guy, and that's hard to come by when you're talking about stock contractors in rodeo. He listens to the cowboys. He wants to know what we think, and he sends our opinions. He wants to get the top guys."

Domangue has been one of the top guys for years, having qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo three times.

But the top guy in the bull riding business is J.W. Harris of Mullin, Texas, and he's been that way for a long time. He, too, realizes the role stock contractors play in his business of rodeo.

"The great thing about Pete is that he went out and bought some new bulls," said Harris, the reigning three-time world champion bull rider. "He's actually trying to get a better bull herd, which is more than you can say for a lot of stock contractors. The key is to focus on the fans, he said, but a contractor must pay know to

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HERALD photo/Robert Griffin
Big Spring quarterback Garrett Stuteville throws a pass during 7-on-7 scrimmage action Monday.

Camps

Girl's Basketball Camp June 20-23

BSISD's girl's basketball camp will be held June 20-23 at Steer Gym, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 2-8. The cost of the camp is \$25. T-shirts can be purchased for \$10.

Volleyball Camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10.

Call 432-264-3662 for information.

BRIEFS

Summer League Track Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Summer League Track has begun sessions for area 8-18 year-old athletes. Practices are to be held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Blankenship Field.

Coach Kevin Boyce says they are looking for volunteers to help with the youngsters.

If you would like to help out or if you need more information about the league, call Coach Boyce at 432-816-3855.

Free Junior Tennis Clinics

Free Junior Tennis Clinics will be held every Monday night from 5:30 to 6:30 at Figure 7. The cost is free and will be conducted by local coaches, players and pros.

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Best of the Rest Golf June 25-26

Comanche Trail Golf Course presents their 31st annual Best of the Rest 2-man scramble golf tournament June 25-26.

The tournament is open to the first 80 teams that register and entrants will be pre-flighted. There will be food on the course each day.

Entry fee is \$200 per team.

For more information, call the pro shop at 432-264-2366.

Annual Howard County A&M Club

Westexags Shootout July 16

A golf tournament with a four-man Sherrill scramble format will be held July 16 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The start time will be 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (carts not included).

Respond by July 1 to westexags@hotmail.com or by calling 432-263-7969.

Little League all-stars named

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

Big Spring Little League has released the names of the kids who made this year's all-star teams for 9-10 and 11 year-olds. The all-star tournament for District 3 will be held June 24. The 9-10 year-old team will play at the Odessa Jim Parker fields, while the 11 year-old team will play at

Midland Mid-City.

Named to the 9-10 year-old all-star team are: Edward Aguilar, Brett Berringer, Jack Everett, A.J. Gonzales, Kobe Gutierrez, Austin Madry, Jason Miramontes, Isaac Murillo, Kobe Richardson, Brycon Van Vleet and Cade Wash.

Coaching the team will be Chad Wash, Buddy Everett and Isaac

Miramontes.

The 11 year-old team will be comprised of: Alex Biddison, Austin Garrett, Bryce Hergert, Caleb Hernandez, Tristan Myrick, Nolan Otto, Brycon Pineda, Brayden Sizenbach, Robert Valencia and Nathan Vidal.

The coaches will be Loyd Mashburn, Jim Crenshaw and Shane Myrick.

Editor's correction- In an article dated June 10, Khandin White was listed incorrectly as Khandin Mitchell. White was the winning pitcher for the Nationals in the third-place game for the Minor Division in the Big Spring Little League game.

Astros break Atlanta win streak

HOUSTON (AP) — Hunter Pence never wants a day off, no matter how he feels.

Being forced into one on Sunday by manager Brad Mills may have been just what Houston's star right fielder needed to put his back trouble behind him.

Pence returned from the day off to homer and drive in four runs — extending his career-best hitting streak to 23 games — as the Astros snapped a four-game skid with an 8-3 win over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

Pence missed his first game this season on Sunday while dealing with tightness in his lower back. He said before the game that he felt great and then quickly showed it by hitting a two-run homer off Derek Lowe (3-5) in the third inning.

He said a meeting players had on Sunday night was helpful in getting the team, which has the worst record in the National League, going in a better direction.

"To come out after we have a good talk with everyone talking baseball — just to play good like we did today, hopefully it's something we can build on," Pence said. "This is what we need more of. We need to show the capabilities that these guys have and we need to start growing." He finished with three

hits, including a two-run single in Houston's five-run sixth inning, and is batting .325 with 50 RBIs. Pence's hitting streak is the longest active streak in the majors.

Wandy Rodriguez (4-3) allowed two hits in six scoreless innings for the win in his return from the disabled list. He said he didn't feel very good in the first inning, but that he felt better after that.

"He didn't let innings build," Mills said. "Guys got on base and got in scoring position, but he didn't let innings get away from him."

Wilton Lopez and Sergio Escalona each pitched a scoreless inning.

Brandon Lyon allowed a three-run homer to Jordan Schafer with two outs in the ninth, but retired Dan Uggla to end the game. He has allowed a homer in each of his three appearances since coming off the disabled list. The Astros believe that he is healthy and are trying to figure out where he's struggling.

"We're going to check everything out and see how he is tomorrow and how he was tonight and go from there," Mills said. Lowe yielded eight hits, five runs and three walks in 5 1-3 innings as Atlanta snapped a season-high six-game winning streak.

Lowe was unavailable for comment after leaving the clubhouse before reporters were allowed inside.

Brett Wallace had a pair of doubles and walked twice as the Astros won for just the second time in 10 games.

Clint Barmes singled before Pence's shot to right field put Houston ahead 2-0 in the third inning. Jeff Keppinger singled in the sixth and scored on a double by Brett Wallace to make it 3-0.

A single by J.R. Towles with one out chased Lowe, who was replaced by Scott Linebrink.

A double to left field by pinch hitter Matt Downs scored Wallace before Linebrink intentionally walked Michael Bourn to load the bases.

Towles scored on a sacrifice fly by Barmes to extend the lead to 5-0 before Pence's sharp grounder scored Downs and Bourn and made it 7-0.

Wallace doubled before a single by Chris Johnson in the seventh inning.

He scored on a sacrifice fly by Towles to put Houston up 8-0.

Schafer doubled to leadoff the first before Rodriguez walked Dan Uggla. Freddie Freeman walked with two outs to load the bases, but Rodriguez escaped the jam by striking out Joe Mather.

Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez has been im-

pressed with Schafer since he was recalled from Triple-A Gwinnett May 24.

"He's a nice little player," Gonzalez said. "He ran down a couple balls in the gaps. He has that speed game. He also hit a ball out of the ballpark. He's making a nice little show for himself here."

Rodriguez retired the next five batters after Mather before plunking Brian McCann with two outs in the third inning. He walked Chipper Jones but escaped unscathed again when he struck out Freeman.

"I thought Wandy was pretty good," Gonzalez said. "He got out of those jams early on, and we couldn't get anything going."

He threw a 1-2-3 fourth before a double by Lowe to start the fifth inning. But Rodriguez retired the next three to leave Lowe stranded.

Rodriguez walked Jones in the sixth, but faced the minimum after the Astros turned a double play.

Bourn, who leads the majors with 27 stolen bases, swiped the 20th of his career in the fifth inning.

NOTES: Atlanta OF Jason Heyward (right shoulder) began a rehabilitation assignment with Gwinnett on Monday. Gonzalez said he expects him to play two or three games before he is activated from the disabled list.

Derek Jeter injured shy of 3,000 career hits

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter didn't even wait for a trainer. Noticeably limping, he knew his day was done. Jeter strained his right calf during a flyout in the fifth inning, jogged down the first base line and immediately pulled himself Monday night,

stalling his pursuit of 3,000 career hits. The New York Yankees star left in a 1-0 loss to Cleveland with 2,994 hits. The team will assess the Grade I strain — the mildest type — on Tuesday, hoping he can avoid his first trip to the

disabled list since 2003. "I'm worried about him," manager Joe Girardi said. "Just keep our fingers crossed and hopefully it's not too serious." Jeter is known for trying to play through injuries.

For example, he was back in the lineup, bruises and all, the day after diving into the stands for that famous catch that bloodied his face in 2004 against Boston. But he clearly was in trouble Monday as soon as he took one step out of the batter's box in the

fifth. He went to a hospital after the early exit. "He just walked off the field and you could tell he was done," Girardi said. "You don't see him come out of games." Regardless of the MRI results, Girardi said he didn't think Jeter would be able to play Tuesday night against Texas. Teammates, fans and even Jeter himself had said it would be nice to achieve the milestone at Yankee Stadium. New York has three games left against Texas on this homestand, then goes on a six-game road trip to Wrigley Field in

Chicago, and Cincinnati. "It's frustrating," Girardi said. "He's six hits away. You'd hope he could've did it here. Obviously, he looked pretty sore." All eyes, and cameras, were on Jeter when stepped to the plate in the first and he singled sharply. He looked fine when he grounded out in the second and seemed to be having no problems at shortstop. That changed in the fifth. He touched first base after the ball was caught, returned to the

dugout and was gone. Eduardo Nunez replaced Jeter to start the top of the sixth. There was a slight murmur in the crowd of 43,551 when the public-address announcer told fans that Nunez was the new shortstop. Jeter is trying to become the first player to reach 3,000 hits while with the Yankees. Approaching his 37th birthday, he had been in a widely pronounced slump to start the season but had been showing more flashes of his All-Star form in recent weeks.

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NHL Finals to require a Game 7

BOSTON (AP) — When Brad Marchand whistled a shot over Roberto Luongo's shoulder early in Game 6, Vancouver's enigmatic goalie looked a bit surprised, a little shaky.

When Milan Lucic trickled another goal through Luongo's legs 35 seconds later, the Boston Bruins could tell Luongo was off — and they were on.

The tension of an elimination game eroded right along with Luongo's poise. With another goal by Andrew Ference moments later, Luongo was history and the Bruins were headed back to Vancouver for the Stanley Cup finals' grand finale.

The Canucks could have raised the Stanley Cup on Monday night, but the Bruins refused to allow a Garden party for the visitors.

They even chased Luongo off their home ice in the first period, evening the series with a 5-2 victory.

"We wanted to make sure if we

went down, we went down fighting," Marchand said.

Only Luongo went down. The Bruins put the Canucks' goalie and the Stanley Cup back on the shelf — and back on a plane to the West Coast for Game 7 on Wednesday night.

"I'm proud of the guys," said Mark Recchi, who had three assists. "We had our backs to the wall, we've been resilient all year, and we came out and had a great first period and did what we had to do tonight, and it comes down to Game 7. It's one game now."

For the sixth time in the last 10 seasons, the finals have been stretched to their limit.

The home team hasn't lost in this series, with Vancouver winning three one-goal games and Boston posting three blowout victories, but the Bruins are riding a wave of momentum toward their first title since 1972 with three wins in the last four games.

Tim Thomas made 36 saves for

the Bruins, giving up two third-period goals while burnishing his credentials for the Conn Smythe Trophy.

"Not too many people counted on us being at this point right now," said Thomas, who has allowed just eight goals in six finals games. "It's a great feeling. We battled hard tonight. We came to play, and it's coming down to one game."

"This is what we dream of, when you're little kids playing street hockey, you know, you're in Game 7."

League MVP Henrik Sedin scored his first point of the finals with a late power-play goal for the Canucks, who flopped in their first attempt to win the franchise's first championship. Maxim Lapierre also scored in the third period for the Canucks, who will get one last try at a Rogers Arena filled with worried Vancouverites hoping the team can come through.



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the cowboys' needs. "I know he's trying hard," said Shawn Hogg, an NFR qualifier from Odessa, Texas. "He's got a lot better set of bulls than a lot of guys, and it's just getting better."

That's all contestants can ask for. "The guys want to go to rodeos and see that there are things that are making a difference," said Ardie Maier of Timber Lake, S.D. "With Pete, you can tell he's working hard at getting a good set of bulls. It helps, because it gives everybody a chance."

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Cort Scheer knows that better than most. He won Big Spring last June, riding Carr's Deuces Wild for 85 points to collect the biggest check in saddle bronc riding. It was one of several big checks that helped the Elsmere, Neb., cowboy to qualify for the NFR last December.

"You dang sure know you're going to get on some good buckers when you go to a Carr rodeo," Scheer said. "Shoot, that's why we do this, so we can ride great bucking horses, and Pete Carr has a pen full of them at every rodeo he goes to."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't always have to be the center of attention, which is why friends and family so thoroughly enjoy your presence. You have the perfect balance of give and take.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An effort to save money could lead to the opposite occurrence. There is no point to being wise with your pennies if it causes you to be foolish with your dollars later on. Think of the big picture.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you want to get to know someone, the onus is on you to make the first move. Don't think too much about your approach. Work up the courage, and break the ice — everything will flow naturally from there.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't like to talk about your personal boundaries because you are generous. But you do have limits, and if you don't let others know what they are, someone is likely to take advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be helpful to someone who is going through difficult times. This person would rather be silent than talk about his or her feelings. Your presence is comforting because you understand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You remember the process of achieving maturity and are therefore compassionate with someone who is coming of age. You also recognize that each person has to learn in his or her own way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone gets angry from time to time. It's how you handle the emotion that matters. You will guide your aggressive impulses in extremely productive ways.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a strong social sense now. You know when it's important to blend with the group and also when

it's better to stand out in the crowd. You'll advance your interests as you apply this social savvy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are so focused on your task that you do not waste any time worrying or even noticing whether people like you. Well, they do. And the smarter they are the more they appreciate you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Include as many people as possible. Your collaborative efforts will be the springboard that takes you to new places — places you would not reach otherwise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You probably don't realize how much your loved ones need your approval and support, and they don't realize it, either. But events today will prove that your loving gaze is a healing balm.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 14). You deeply appreciate the small joys that loved ones bring to your life, and you will therefore be favored with a gigantic stroke of luck — a birthday present from the universe. August brings a remarkable and unexpected turn of events. Your personal life sparkles with the addition of new friends. You share a special connection with Capricorn and Virgo people. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 13, 37 and 12.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Before the rapture was to occur on May 21, 2011, I made a hasty last will and testament document with an online legal service. I had been meaning to create such a document for some time and figured the rapture was as good occasion as any to complete it — though I now realize such a document must mean very little in the context of the end of the world as we know it. Obviously, nothing too noteworthy occurred on May 21, but something strange has

come out of this event for me. I was looking at my will yesterday and noticed that I would certain ex-boyfriends and friends much more than a sane person would have, and then there were people I unintentionally left out completely. What should I make of this? I'm a Capricorn."

That's the thing about wills: You can always rewrite them. It sounds like, in your hurried state, you wrote the document from an irrational headspace and were thus influenced by the passion you felt for certain people. However, a Capricorn's sense of duty and responsibility is strong and will likely override the impulses of an "enraptured" moment.

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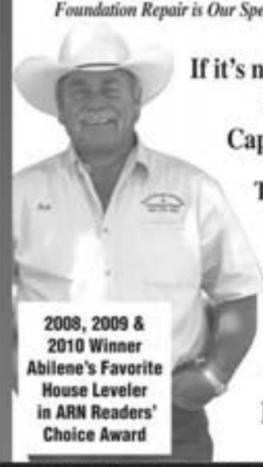
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WELL, THEN, ACTIVATE THE ROYAL GUARDS! YEAR. I'D BETTER SHUT ABOUT THAT.

AGNES

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 14, the 165th day of 2011. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

On this date: In 1775, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created. In 1801, former American Revolutionary War General and notorious turncoat Benedict Arnold died in London. In 1811, Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was born in Litchfield, Conn. In 1911, the British ocean liner RMS Olympic set out on its maiden voyage for New York, arriving one week later. (The ship's captain was Edward John Smith, who went on to command the ill-fated RMS Titanic the following year.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marla Gibbs is 80. House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., is 72. Writer Peter Mayle is 72. Actor Jack Bannon is 71. Country-rock musician Spooner Oldham is 68. Rock singer Rod Argent (The Zombies; Argent) is 66. Real estate mogul and TV personality Donald Trump is 65. Singer Janet Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 65. Rock musician Barry Melton is 64. Rock musician Alan White (Yes) is 62. Actor Eddie Mekka is 59. Actor Will Patton is 57. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Eric Heiden (HY-dun) is 53. Singer Boy George is 50. Rock musician Chris DeGarmo is 48. Actress Traylor Howard is 45.

Newsday Crossword

- OPPOSITES ATTRACT by Bill & Trish; Edited by Stanley Newman; www.stanxwords.com
- ACROSS: 1 Buzzing with activity; 6 Garbage barge; 10 In the know about; 14 Task; 15 Cleveland's lake; 16 The Pizar of Hamelin; 17 Having conflicting emotions; 19 Trace show for short; 20 Lamb's mana; 21 Pretentious; 22 Scornful smile; 23 Bay State sch.; 24 Foxes fun at; 25 Floor covering; 28 As compared to; 29 No: quite right; 30 Steps aside for; 34 Disaster relief org.; 35 Foe; 37 Lose traction; 38 Catches in a trap; 40 Bronze medalist's place; 41 Make a sketch; 42 Skydivers' needs; 43 Gradations of color; 46 Teapot part; 48 Hot drink; 49 Greet and seat; 50 Relaxing retreat; 53 Take (respond to) apolause; 54 Once in a while; 56 Poet's time of day.
- DOWN: 11 Puts the kibosh on; 12 Native American term; 13 Unpleasant smell; 18 "Darn it!"; 22 Close fight; 23 Twists of Italian; 24 Those folks; 25 Informal restaurant; 26 "So be it!"; 27 Eyeglasses' edges; 28 A Christmas Carol boy; 30 "I agree"; 31 Comedic routine; 32 Need a rest; 33 Chances of success; 35 Historical peritox; 36 Still in the package; 39 Hagon; 40 Lightning-storm sound; 42 Nickel or dime; 43 Can games; 44 Vagabonds; 45 Future oak tree; 46 Stretched up; 47 Fleishy fruits; 49 Nothing special; 50 Ostracize; 51 Invigorates, with "up"; 52 Poker stake; 54 Convent resident; 55 Prefix meaning "three".

Answer to previous puzzle

CHART	ALTO	WATT
REFER	DAUB	ACHE
ARRAY	WINE	THEN
GOODFRI	DAY	CORD
COAT	ECHOES	
DEPART	CODA	
EXIT	EARN	PATHS
BETTERMO	US	ETRAP
SCANT	EAST	MORE
TENK	RESTED	
EESTEEM	SAD	
ACED	BESTWIS	HES
SANG	LATE	CHORE
ELSE	EVEN	TOPIC
LEER	MEMO	SWEET